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Office Action Summary

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10/718,964

Applicant(s)

JONES ET AL.

Examiner

Michael Koczo, Jr.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02-27-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the following structure must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

The electrical controller of claim 3.

The bearings of claim 6.

The filter of claim 16.

The alternative flow path of claim 20.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1 to 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

There is no description of structure for diverting a portion of the fluid through the pump assembly and then back to the pump inlet.

Regarding claims 5 and 30, there is no proper identification of the product referred to as "Cronidur®". That is, what is its chemical designation? (see MPEP 608.01(v)).

Regarding claims 63 and 31, there is no description of the structure of and definition of "hybrid bearings" and "full complement bearings".

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1 to 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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In claim 1, "corrosion resistant bearings" is an unbased comparison and is therefore indefinite.

Claim 1 is furthermore incomplete since no structure is recited for directing the pump fluid to the motor.

Claims 6 and 31 recite the various bearings in an alternative manner which is indefinite. Applicant may consider reciting these bearings in Markush form.

Claims 5, 7, 20 and 30 contain the trademark/trade name Cronidur® or PEEKTM. Where a trademark or trade name is used in a claim as a limitation to identify or describe a particular material or product, the claim does not comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. See *Ex parte Simpson*, 218 USPQ 1020 (Bd. App. 1982). The claim scope is uncertain since the trademark or trade name cannot be used properly to identify any particular material or product. A trademark or trade name is used to identify a source of goods, and not the goods themselves. Thus, a trademark or trade name does not identify or describe the goods associated with the trademark or trade name. In the present case, the trademark/trade name is used to identify/describe the bearing races and the stator sleeve, respectively and, accordingly, the identification/description is indefinite.

Thorough revision of the claims is required in order to render them definite in form according to the statute.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 to 4, 6, and 8 to 19, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pezzillo in view of Harland and Lungu.

Pezzillo discloses a motor driven pump wherein the pump fluid circulates through the motor and back to the pump through filters 89 and 87. The stator and the rotor are encased by non-magnetic sleeves 44 and 64, respectively, made of stainless steel. However, Pezzillo does not specify that the motor is a DC motor, that the rotor is potted in epoxy, and that the stator sleeve is a polymer sleeve. Harland discloses a motor driven pump wherein the pump fluid circulates through the motor and wherein the rotor is potted in epoxy (col. 2, l. 60). The epoxy integrates the rotor laminations to provide structural integrity. Lungu discloses a brushless DC motor having a controller, which motor drives a pump wherein the stator is sealed from the fluid via a polymer sleeve in order to prevent the possibly corrosive fluid from entering the stator windings. Stainless steel and polymers are equivalent to the extent that both are resistant to corrosion. The advantage of brushless DC motors is that they are speed controllable and do not require brushes and commutators. In view of these teachings, it would have been obvious to provide the motor of Pezzillo with control means for operating it as a brushless DC motor, to embed the rotor in epoxy, and to substitute a corrosion resistant polymer sleeve for the stainless steel sleeve 44.

The specific dimensions as recited in claims 9 and 10 are mere matters of design choice depending on the desired throughput of the pump. No unexpected or unobvious result is disclosed which can be attributed to these dimensions.

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The pump of Pezzillo, as modified, is inherently capable of attaining a speed of 60,000 rpm (claim 11), of attaining a pressure of 1,500 to 3,000 psi (claim 12), and of pumping supercritical carbon dioxide, alone or admixed with an additive or solvent. These limitations do not define structurally over Pezzillo, but merely recite the intended use of the pump and the desired manner of operation of the pump.

The prior art could not be applied to claims 5, 7 and 20 to 33 because the limiting effect of the trademark/trade names Cronidur® and PEEKTM could not be ascertained.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

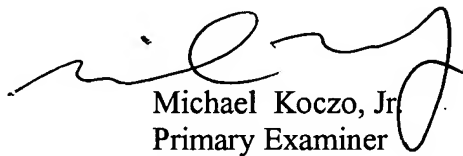
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Kocz, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-4830. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th; 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached at 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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